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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

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/NOTE: This was a special meeting called to complete final COMIREX
coordination on the response to USIB-D-46.4/36, 5 May 1970.
and Memorandum to Holders, 8 May 1970. These Minutes,
therefore, do not include all of the sections usually contained
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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

COMIREX-M-99
Room 4E50, CIA Headquarters
3 June 1970
1330-1800

MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT

CHAIRMAN:

CIA:
State: Mr. L. A. Moyer, Jr.*
DIA:
Army: Col. J. A. Smith

Navy: Capt. L. W. Moffit*
Air Force: Lt. Col. N. D. Thurman
NSA:

Office of the Chairman:

Executive Secretary

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

NPIC:

NRO:

SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPRESENTATION

ICRS:

COMIREX

Evaluation Panel:

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ALTERNATES AND OBSERVERS PRESENT

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Army: Mr. J. C. St. Cyr

NPIC:

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Section IV (Action Items)Guidance for National Reconnaissance Program Planning, FY 1972 and Beyond (COMIREX-D-13, 16/8D)

1. Copies of revised draft responses to the three questions assigned to COMIREX and a proposed covering memorandum forwarding them to USIB had been sent to members in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that the best procedure would be to go through each draft page by page, discussing recommended changes and deciding on final wording in the process.
2. Word was received during the meeting that SORS had been unable to reach agreement on the SIGINT input to the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty draft section. The Chairman then recommended that the references to SIGINT requirements in this section be deleted from the COMIREX draft and a note included that the SIGINT Committee would forward its response to USIB in a separate paper. He would obtain authorization to have the COMIREX and SORS responses on the SALT question handled separately. Members agreed that was the best way to handle the matter at this point.
3. There was general agreement on the proposed changes to the drafts that had been circulated. The Air Force member, however, expressed strong reservations on several points in the SALT section and stated he would require additional time to check these out further within his agency. The Chairman then outlined the steps he proposed to take in completing the action on this paper:
 - (a) Seek guidance on the question of separate submissions for the COMIREX and SORS responses on SALT; (b) Proceed with having the agreed drafts typed in final form for submission to the USIB Secretariat; (c) Forward xerox copies to COMIREX members of the final text at the same time the mats are delivered to USIB; (d) Propose that USIB handled the paper by Vote Sheet Action with a possible target date of 18 to 22 June for final USIB approval.

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Section V (Other Business)

Request for NRO Report on Near-Real-Time

1. The Alternate Army Member suggested and the Chairman and other members agreed that the NRO should be asked to provide a briefing for COMIREX on steps that have been taken and progress made to date toward development of a near-real-time system. It was noted it had been about a year since the request to proceed with the development of such a system had been levied.

Discussion on [] Program

2. The Chairman expressed concern over the possibility that the [] program in the Berlin corridor might be cancelled. The Acting DIA Member referred to the current budgetary constraints on the Air Force as well as other components of the Government and explained that it had been necessary to review all collection programs to determine the value of their products in relation to the operating cost. [] noted that there were very few requirements on record for the corridor photography provided by []. The Air Force itself did not have an overriding need for the materials so the program stood as a good candidate for cancellation. Recently, however, when it was recognized that the program could be cancelled, NPIC, CIA, and USAEUR came forward to attest to the value and usefulness of the [] product. [] stated that the program now has been left in the FY 1972 budget and he understood CIA was preparing a statement of requirements. This was confirmed by [].

3. [] noted [] is a theater operation working primarily against theater requirements but this does not mean there is no national interest in or use for the product. He expressed the feeling that it would seem inconsistent for COMIREX to be focusing as much effort as it has on high resolution imagery and then ignore the possibility that such a valuable source of high resolution photography might be eliminated by default.

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4. There was discussion of whether COMIREX should
comment formally to DoD on the desirability of continuing [redacted]
[redacted] It was agreed that at this point the matter could best be
left to DIA and the individual COMIREX members on behalf of their
agencies.

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Executive Secretary
Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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